



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

(Front to back) Airman 1st Class Adam Gaither, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron search pit crewmember, shows volunteer Senior Airman Ben Abbott, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Network Maintenance technician, how to search a truck at the Visitor Control Center to make sure it's free of explosives or contraband items.

Volunteers search vehicles at VCC, help keep base people safe

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Several Airmen here recently received a small taste of what it's like to be a security forces member for a day, when they volunteered to help at the Visitor Control Center search pit.

"Providing security for the base is our first duty as Airmen," said Senior Airman Ben Abbott, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Network Maintenance technician. "The security forces members perform this duty full-time, but as Air Force members (force protection) is a part of our job as well.

"I volunteered because it's something different and interesting to do before I leave

here," said Airman Abbott, who is deployed from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Airman Abbott's normal duty day is spent installing and maintaining the many infrastructure cables around the installation that provide Ali member's with network, internet and telephone access.

"Their (407th Expeditionary Security Forces members) job is probably harder than most of us with office jobs. They risk their lives every day, so I thought I could endure it for a day," he added.

VCC members are responsible for inspecting more than 500 individuals and more than 120 vehicles daily. The VCC is comprised of several sections that ensure

407th ESFS defend base from unauthorized entry, kill 2 and injure 1

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At 11:59 a.m. on Aug. 26, three unidentified individuals drove a truck the wrong way into the outbound lane and broke through the first entry control point barrier on Base Camp Adder.

Members from the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and Army convoy members from the 56th Brigade Combat Team opened fire on the vehicle, whose occupants had attempted to gain unlawful and unauthorized entry to the installation.

Two of the unidentified individuals were killed and one was injured.

The injured person, who was the driver of the vehicle, was taken to the installation's hospital for treatment and was transferred to Balad Air Base, Iraq, several days later for medical complications. He is currently still receiving medical care at Balad AB and is listed in critical condition.

No Air Force, Army or coalition

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PT gear reminder

It's time for Team Ali to "salute smartly" and enforce the proper wear of the physical training uniform. The PT uniform is the only authorized uniform other than the desert camouflage or flight suit here. Civilian clothes are no longer authorized here.

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Out and about

Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, visits Team Ali.



Courtesy photo

(Right to left) Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Walker, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron life support assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, shows Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, the various steps in a technical order on how to perform a 30-day inspection on night vision goggles.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Life Support section. They, along with the rest of the 777th EAS, recently moved into a new building. Not only did they move all their equipment in less than 12 hours, they never had a break in service to their customers. Their main job is outfitting C-130 crew members with equipment that helps aircrew to perform their job in normal operations and can save aircrew members' lives in a crisis. While I was there, they were inspecting night vision goggles. When you're the pilot and you need to depend on equipment to successfully complete your mission, Life Support is your best friend. Plus, they maintain their own armory and ensure crew members are armed to protect themselves from the enemy. They maintain and train aircrew on all the survival equipment to include rafts, signaling devices and radios that are critical to operating in a hostile environment, if an airplane were to go down in enemy territory. They also support the Navy and the Office of Special Investigations with encrypted radio support. Life Support is the only authorized source to decontaminate crew members in a chemical environment, and they're the people who maintain oxygen masks for the crew and passengers if there is an in-flight emergency. They've supported more than 775 C-130 mission sorties (flights) and more than 80 crew members in this rotation alone. They're truly lifesavers.



The Action Line is a direct link to the commander for complaints, suggestions or comments. When normal chain of command channels haven't been able to resolve the concern, call 437-2702 or e-mail Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil.

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the safety of all individuals assigned here, Base Camp Adder and Camp Mittica.

Workers requesting entrance to either installation must show their credentials and process through guarded barricades, while all along their travel toward the VCC is monitored by multiple heavy weapons on overwatch positions.

Once inside the search pit, dog handling units and individuals hand search 100 percent of the vehicles.

Another element of the VCC inspects, identifies, documents and provides identification badges to individuals requesting to gain access to the installation.

However, volunteers can only work at the search pit due to the extensive training required at the other VCC positions.

For the most part, one day blends into the next at the VCC, with a seemingly endless flow of people requesting admission for a variety of construction, delivery and contracting projects on base.

Although most customers want nothing more than to quickly process through and aren't there to cause trouble, the VCC crew can't let their guard down for a moment.

They never know who is going to pull up to gain entry to the base: friend or enemy.

"It's a good day when no one dies and nothing blows up," said Staff Sgt. Ed Dean, 407th ESFS, search pit leader, who is deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

"We are the first line of defense and if a bomb gets through us, it affects the entire mission," Sergeant Dean said.

Although the search pit crew hasn't found any explosives, they routinely find contraband items such as knives, pornography, alcohol and cell phones (which can be used to detonate bombs and take photos).

Drivers are known for finding clever places to hide illegal items. All the knowledge the VCC crew absorbs is passed on to the volunteers, so they can locate hiding places and secure vehicles before transient workers are allowed to drive into the heavily-populated areas of the installation.

Airman 1st Class Adam Gaither, 407th ESFS search pit crewmember, sees volunteers at the VCC as a plus.

Not only do volunteers help alleviate the time it takes to process long lines of vehicles waiting to gain access to the base,



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Airman 1st Class Michael Townsend, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron (727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron Detachment 2) who is deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, volunteers to search a vehicle at the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Visitor Control Center recently. VCC workers are the first line of defense against terrorist acts occurring on the installation. Airman Townsend has volunteered three times to protect the more than 9,000 U.S. servicemembers and coalition forces here.

he said they also provide a fresh set of eyes to look for potential dangers.

Knowing the volunteers specifically requested to help the VCC crew also goes a long way on morale.

"Working with good people makes the day go by faster," said Airman Gaither, who is deployed from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

After all, hauling yourself up tiny staircases and jumping in and out of big rigs isn't the easiest line of work, especially when it's 120 plus degrees and there are long lines of impatient drivers piled up waiting to have their vehicles searched.

"Sometimes I think we look like Spiderman trying to (maneuver) into all the positions (to properly search through the vehicles' various compartments which can serve as potential hiding places)," said Sergeant Dean.

Minus superhuman powers, the VCC specialists rifle through everything outside and inside the vehicle looking for anything that registers on their senses as out of the norm. It takes continual dedication to base defense and the people inside it to ban complacency from creeping in and taking over.

"The next time you find yourself moving through a base checkpoint, thank these

individuals for their service, because what you may see as simply 'gate guards' or 'vehicle searchers,' I see as hardened defenders ensuring your safety – ready to fight at a moment's notice," said 1st Lt. Jared Hoover, 407th ESFS VCC officer in charge.

"Security Forces defenders make first contact with everyone entering the base and they never know which vehicle may contain an improvised explosive device or which individual trying to gain access may be wearing a suicide vest.

"At night, when most of the base sleeps, these defenders stand at the main gate judicially discerning which vehicles will be allowed entrance," said Lieutenant Hoover, who is deployed from Charleston AFB. "They're always waiting to make first contact with terrorists who want nothing more than to see the death of as many coalition forces as possible."

The members assigned to the VCC are dedicated to acting as a buffer to prevent a breach in security, which could harm personnel here, and now so are a few of their fellow warfighters in various career fields throughout the base.

For more information on how to volunteer at the VCC, call Master Sgt. Todd Tureskis, at 445-2600.

How to prepare yourself to reunite with your family

Article courtesy of

777th EAS Flight Medicine clinic

As we enter into the homestretch of our deployment, we certainly need to stay focused on our mission and finish strong.

We also need to start preparing ourselves for reuniting with our loved ones when we return home.

This reunion should be a joyous one, but it is not without some challenges that we should keep in mind. Here is some useful advice for returning Airmen:

The first thing to remember upon returning home is to take it slow and remember that all of us, those deployed and those who remained at home, have changed during this experience.

The initial two weeks at home is a transi-

tion time that allows all parties to get acquainted with each other and understand how to reunite as a team.

Secondly, children may act out behaviorally in expressing their excitement to you. Young children might be shy and older children might be resentful. Take it slow with them and get on their level. Take time individually with each child to reestablish a bond.

Spouses might want to go out and socialize as a couple, or hand you the "honey do list" they have saved up.

Clearly state your expectations and needs to your spouse and ask them to do the same. When you finally talk face-to-face after spending months only talking via telephone, it may seem awkward but remember that communication is the key to a successful

reunion.

Your friends, coworkers, spouse and each child will want and need individual time and attention from you.

While taking the time to give this attention is important, it is equally important that you take time for yourself to reflect on how you are coping with the return.

Do your best to continue with the healthy lifestyle changes you made while deployed. If you continue to work out, eat healthy and stay tobacco-free, it will help in your adjustment.

In the event that things do not go as smoothly as planned, don't despair. There are base agencies waiting to help. Family advocacy, the chaplain's office and life skills support centers are all there to help. All you have to do is ask.

The power of water in physical fitness

By Tech. Sgt. Javier Aguirre

Muscle Beach Fitness Center athletic director

As we continue to endure the high temperatures along with dusty winds and gorgeous, sunny days, we need to remind ourselves to replenish our bodily fluids by drinking enough water suitable to our day-to-day activities.

This especially applies during physical activity. Whether you are at rest, jogging on a treadmill or lifting weights, your body water consumption engine is always working.

I know it sounds like a broken record to say "drink more water" and "stay hydrated," but as I see valuable members feeling dizzy, it brings to mind that sound advice we receive from peers and supervisors.

Then, it's no longer a broken record; it's the little voice in your head that says "they told you so."

This brings me to mention two additional points to keep in mind while performing your exercise routines. One, it is very important to pace your body during the

increased stresses and pressure that you demand on it during exercise. This means that no matter what your physical activity goal is remember that it takes time to achieve that goal; it doesn't happen over night.

Two, it is extremely important to allow your body to rest. When you allow rest time between exercise sessions, you are making sure the recuperation process takes place. This, will in turn, allow your body to increase in strength and endurance to have energy the next time you visit the fitness center.

So strive for a goal that will allow you to safely and effectively exercise your body to meet your desired physical appearance.

Additionally, while you dream of consuming liquids you can't find here on a beach somewhere, thank yourself for being nice to your body and make sure you continue to allow for a sufficient time to rest and hydrate yourself.

If you have any exercise-related questions or you need exercise advice, please call your friendly Muscle Beach Fitness Center staff at 445-2136.

First CJCS senior enlisted adviser selected

8/26/2005 - **WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Marine Gen. Peter Pace has selected Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey to serve as the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff beginning Oct 1. General Pace has been confirmed as the next chairman and will assume the office at the end of September. This is a newly created position established to advise the chairman on all matters involving enlisted personnel in a joint environment. Command Sergeant Major Gainey has more than 30 years of active duty experience, including an extensive background in joint operations. He has served in his current billet as the command sergeant major for 3rd Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, since May 9, 2003.



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407th AEG CC asks Team Ali to practice safety and patience during final stretch

By Col. Michael J. Nowak

407th Air Expeditionary Group commander

Just like everyone else, I'm looking forward to going home in the next few weeks. After four months of practice living in a sand trap, I hope to get back to the golf course, back yard grilling (on a charcoal, not a gas, grill) and catching up with my wife on everything that has gone on in her life for the last four months. I know each of you is also excited to see your family and friends, but before we get fixated on home and family we need to complete the mission here as safely as possible.

As you've heard in several forums, we're entering the greatest period of risk in an Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation over the next few weeks. On one hand, we have experienced Airmen who are nearing the end of the rotation. They've worked hard, are tired and eager to get home. On the other hand, new deployees are stepping off the C-130. They're jet lagged, may not be acclimated to the heat, and somewhat disoriented as they try to align their work experience at home station with the expeditionary mission and facilities we have here. Both old hands and new arrivals have some responsibilities to ensure a safe transition.

For those preparing to depart, start by

documenting everything thoroughly in a continuity book. Ensure your relief gets a thorough brief on their duties as well as the lessons you've learned over the course of this rotation. Remember that it will take a couple of days for the new arrivals to readjust their sleep cycles and establish a routine, so practice patience until they get up to speed. In short, I need you to practice the wingman concept and look out for your new coworkers.

For those who are joining the Ali Base Team, take the time to learn from the people you are replacing on all the little nuances they've discovered during their tours. Life in an expeditionary environment is a little different than back at your home station. At the same time, the safety rules, regulations and Air Force Instructions you followed back home apply here even more so.

On a slightly different note, for those who are going home I'm going to ask for your patience. This is the first time the Air Force has put in place the aggregation program for redeployment. Compounding matters, security forces all over the theater are redeploying back from their six month tours of duty. You should expect some growing pains while trying to get airlift back to your home station and may have the opportunity to lounge around a few days waiting to get

aggregated onto a flight.

Instead of getting agitated about flight schedules, breathe deeply and go for a swim in the pool at the transitory hub, read a book, or spend some time with friends you made here and will probably never see again. Just don't take it out on the aerial port staff who may be just as frustrated as you. The key point to focus on is that you're in the pipeline heading home.

Finally, I have one more favor to ask of you. When you get home, in your enthusiasm to make up for lost leisure time please make sure you plan ahead. If you decide to drink, always have a designated driver in place and stay among friends. Don't ruin four months of dedicated service to your country in a war zone with a poor decision back home.

Each and every one of you has done an amazing job here helping the Iraqi people to build a free, democratic society. We've also made tremendous improvements in the combat capability, quality of life and safety of Ali Base.

This is something in which each of you can take immense pride and it's something to tell your children and grandchildren.

We only have a few more weeks to go Team Ali! Let's finish the rotation as safely as we've done thus far!

Defense

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forces were killed or injured in the incident.

"The professionalism of the men and women, who quickly responded to this incident, prevented any harm to the more than 9,000 Air Force, Army and coalition members on and around this installation," said Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander.

The driver stated the reason he crashed through the barrier was he lost his brakes.

However, leadership and security forces personnel are treating the incident with caution, as insurgents have exploited this scenario at other locations in theater.

"Security forces personnel flawlessly executed their job in service to the nation and met the challenge of providing force protection of the installation's perimeter,"

Colonel Nowak said. "Due to the fact the barrier and perimeter security was breached, security forces personnel had no other recourse but to react with the appropriate level of fire power to an unknown threat."

The incident is a reminder of the seriousness of the group's mission here.

"This should be a wake up call to all personnel that we're still in a combat zone," said Capt. John Tesar, 407th Air Expeditionary Group Antiterrorism and Force Protection officer.

"Bad things can happen anytime or anywhere. We need to ensure we keep our sensor on and not get complacent," he said.

Captain Tesar suggests personnel keep several basic force protection tips in mind:

- Always know your surroundings
- Remember Operations Security and Computer Security at all times
- Know who is around you prior to speak-

ing about any information that could be vital to the enemy and used against us

- Prepare yourself by imagining likely scenarios (What would I do if a mortar was inbound, and I'm in bed? The simple answer is to drop to the floor of your tent.)

- If we come under attack, don your IPE and follow these steps:

- Take cover behind barriers/sandbags, under furniture or equipment or in hardened structures

- If you're caught in an open area, lay flat on the ground and cover your head and neck and don't move until you hear all clear

- Make sure you can retrieve your IPE within 10 minutes

- Report suspicious activities to the Law Enforcement Desk at 445-2322 and the Command Post at 445-2000 immediately. Don't rely on somebody else to call; always double check.

Finance tips for redeploying

By Capt. Bryan Collins

407th Expeditionary Financial Management

Well fellow Ali warriors, it will soon be time to get paid. Yes shortly, we will all board that big white bird bound for such exotic destinations as Wichita, Kan.; Boise, Idaho and Minot, N.D.

And what better way to make our time at home a little more enjoyable than a little extra cash in our pockets. Depending on how many accrual vouchers you filed during your time here, your travel voucher could be worth up to \$3,000.

However there are some pitfalls to avoid. For starters, many of us are returning near the end of September, and it is imperative you file your voucher before Oct. 1 to prevent all those combat zone entitlements from rolling over into a new month; thus, creating a debt on your record. Second, be sure to hold on to your receipts for everything from cab rides to excess baggage.

Finally, ensure your supervisor and orderly room sign and stamp your voucher before dropping it off at Finance.

Speaking of excess baggage, please tread lightly if you are considering mailing items home and consult both your **local** finance office and transportation management office prior to trying to claim reimbursement on your travel voucher.

In most instances, you can't get reimbursed for both United States Postal Service charges and those charges generated by a commercial carrier. An official ruling is expected from the Per Diem Transportation and Travel Committee at the Pentagon shortly, so please stand by.

For now, the bottom line is that excess baggage costs are authorized on deployment orders for those charges incurred for your A, B and C mobility bags – as well as cased weapon – to your American Port of Entry, not for additional personal bags.

Because most of us are dropping our A and C Bags off in the theater, it will be very difficult to present a strong case for reimbursement of USPS charges.

Finally, once your voucher is filed and you checked in at work, you're going to want some time off. Many of us will be granted free time according to our major command's respective policy, but expect no more than 14 days.

If you need more than 14 days, and who doesn't, the first 10 days of leave you take will be "Tax Free" leave. It is important to note that if you return in September, and take leave in September, you will receive no financial benefit from that leave taken. However, if you are able to wait to take chargeable leave in a month that you were NOT in the AOR – say October or November – those days taken will be tax-free resulting in an increase in your next leave and earning statement.

We have all worked very hard and long to earn these entitlements so please ensure you do your part to receive these payments quickly. As always, we are here to assist you, so please stop by the finance office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your service, and thanks for letting us serve each and every one of you.

For more information, call Finance customer service at 445-2690.

Upcoming changes of command

The 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron change of command is scheduled for 9 a.m., Thursday (Sept. 8) at the parking lot behind the tower.

The 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron change of command is scheduled for 10 a.m., Sep. 17 at the CE compound.

Read about Ali rules, regs

Personnel are reminded to read the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Instruction 36-01 to learn about rules and regulations here. Please pass this information on to your replacement as well. You can locate Ali Base OIs and policy letters on the base intranet at <http://intranet/Policies-OIs/AliOIs/OIMain.htm>.

Meeting people at airline gate

The Transportation Security Administration developed special considerations for family members to greet U.S. military personnel at the arrival gate. Family members may receive passes to enter the secure area of the airport. While the pass provides non-flying family members access to the gate area, they will still have to pass through the security checkpoint. Interested military family members should contact their air carrier representative at the arrival airport for proper local procedures. Review http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial_1880.xml. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Eric Brown, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Traffic Management specialist, at 445-2361.

Education Center move

The 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron Education Center has moved into the former Lodging trailer located across from the Bedrock coffee shop. For more information, call the Ed Center at 445-2131.

Location of base photos

Team Ali members can access photos of a variety of base events taken by the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Visual Information section at the [V:\Shared\Photographs](#). For more information, contact the 407th ECS VI section at 445-2141/2735.



Touch a life today



Donate supplies or volunteer to help Operation Reach Out, an Ali Base program designed to help local people in need.

Operation Reach Out is currently seeking volunteers from each squadron to help with organizing future events.

The following items are needed for donations: clothes for all ages and sizes, shoes (all sizes), soccer balls and footballs, yo-yos, toys (nothing religious), frisbees, food (no pork products), hygiene items and infant items.

For more information or to volunteer your time, contact Senior Airmen Kelly Vanamburg and Justin Kitts, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, at 445-2232.

PT uniform only authorized leisure clothing here



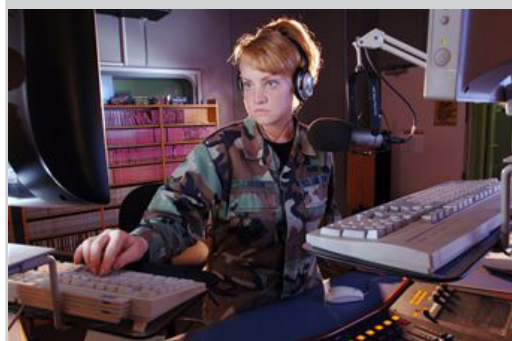
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(Left) Staff Sgt. Amanda Anderson, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, models the correct wear of the physical training uniform. **(Right)** Sergeant Anderson models some common uniform violations seen recently here. It is not authorized to roll up shirt sleeves, or leave portions of the t-shirt untucked or sloppily tucked in. Individuals must also salute, when not performing a PT activity and the officer is displaying the appropriate rank and is also not performing a PT activity (inside and outside the Air Force living compound regardless of uniform type). As of Thursday, the PT uniform is the only authorized clothing other than the desert camouflage uniform or flight suit for military members here. If members have questions about how to properly wear the PT uniform, they should consult the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Instruction 36-2903, or contact their supervisor or first sergeant.

Around the Air Force *in photos*

Kirkuk firefighters train Iraqis

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq — A firefighter with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron leads three Iraqi firefighters into a Conex here designed for training. The Iraqis attended three days of training that culminates in putting out an actual fire. (U.S. Air Force photo)



AFN serves military audience

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Airman 1st Class Julieanna Carsen hosts the daily radio show "Retro Cafe" here. Air Force News Agency's Detachment 10 provides 24-hour radio and TV services to an audience of more than 300,000 U.S. servicemembers, civilian employees and family members across Japan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis)

Editor's note: AFNEWS broadcasters from Germany recently visited here to film the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron training Squadron 23 (Transport) Iraqi Airmen, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Operation Kaleidoscope missions and the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron Ziggurat tour program. So stay tuned to the American Forces Network channel to watch Team Ali members in action.

AF chief of staff ceremony is today

8/26/2005 - SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The swearing in of Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the Air Force's 18th chief of staff will be broadcast live today from Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The live broadcast is scheduled for 10 a.m. EDT and will be available on the Pentagon Channel and on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/csaf/player.html>. The ceremony, which signifies a change of Air Force leaders, will feature the retirement of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper after 39 years of service. This will be followed by the swearing in of General Moseley, who currently is serving as Air Force vice chief of staff.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren will preside over the ceremony and administer the oath to General Moseley. Also scheduled to participate in the ceremony are Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers.

The event will feature the Air Force Band and a military aircraft flyover.

Keesler, Columbus survive Hurricane Katrina

8/30/2005 - SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., survived a direct hit by Hurricane Katrina, but initial estimates show it suffered extensive damage to industrial and housing areas. At Columbus AFB, Miss., about 290 miles north of Keesler, base officials said the pilot training base suffered only moderate damage to one building. However, assessment crews are just starting to evaluate the damage there. There were no deaths or injuries at either base, according to preliminary reports by base officials. There are phone numbers posted on its public Web site at www.keesler.af.mil. For the full story, go to http://www.af.mil/news/story_print.asp?storyID=123011479.

Medal options for deployed Airmen

By 1st Lt. Adam J J Pudenz

407th Personnel Contingency Operations chief

Rotation time is here and many of us are returning home after honorably serving four (or more) months in the hot, Iraqi sun. In addition to your nation's thanks, the swelling pride of a job well done and a tan that would draw the envy of a Greek god, you have earned yourself two notable decorations: The Iraq Campaign Medal and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border.

The Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) was announced in Executive Order 13363 by President George W. Bush on Nov. 29, 2004 and enacted as Public Law 108-234 along with the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Before this time, service members were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-E) regardless of what theater or operation they operated in.

Now any member who deploys to Iraq for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days will receive the Iraq Campaign Medal. Members who deployed to Iraq in previous deployments and were awarded the GWOT-E have the opportunity to exchange their GWOT-E for an ICM. The ICM is worn after the Afghani-

stan Campaign Medal and before the GWOT-E.

Whereas the ICM is awarded only once regardless of subsequent deployments, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (AFESR) is awarded once per qualifying deployment lasting 45 consecutive or 90 nonconsecutive days. Subsequent deployments are indicated with oak leaf clusters. Ali Base members who qualify for the AFESR are authorized to wear it with a gold border to denote they deployed to a hostile fire zone. The AFESR is worn after the Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long Tour and before the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon.

To ensure you are properly awarded your just earnings, immediately file a travel voucher when you return home. Then, submit a copy of your completed and signed voucher to your commander's support staff. They will complete the AF Form 104 and bring to your military personnel flight decorations office for update into your personnel records.

Now, instead of people turning their head just to admire your deep tan, they will also take note of your worldly accomplishments indicated by two new additions to your ribbon rack. For more information about awards and decorations, feel free to contact PERSCO at 445-2133



Iraqi campaign medal (ICM)



Air Force Expeditionary Service ribbon with gold border

Recycle toner cartridges

Personnel can now recycle ink and toner cartridges at Ali. Bring used ink and toner cartridges (from unclassified printers only) to Building 400 for disposal. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Greg Jones, 407th Expeditionary Financial Management, at 445-2264 or Senior Airman Teresa Fox, 407th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron, at 445-2200.

Monthly promotees, award winners

July promotees

(promoted earlier but unable to attend the ceremony)

Technical Sergeant

Jesse W. Schmidt, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

August promotees

(promoted earlier but unable to attend the ceremony)

Airman 1st Class

Alda D. Hinojosa, 407th ECES
Marselo G. Mejia, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman

Senior Airman Manuel Granillo, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron
John R. Nacinopa, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Staff Sergeant

William J. Gasperetti, 407th ECES
Chad R. Noyes, 407th ECES

September promotees

Airman 1st Class

Matthew C. Kennedy, 407th ECES
Jason A. Williams, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman

Casey L. Arnault, 407th ECS
Kenneth R. Bilodeau, 407th ECES
Ezrael B. Comicho, 407th ECS
Michael E. Davis, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Niketa R. Horn, 407th ESFS
Matthew P. Lafever, 777th EAS
Nicholas Monttsano, 407th ESFS
Nathan A. Yockers, 407th ECS
Jeremy E. Wade, 407th ELRS

Staff Sergeant

Neal R. Dykeman, 407th ELRS
Derick S. Gooch, 407th ESFS
Tricia C. Nichols, 407th ESFS
John B. Severio, 407th ESFS
Joseph R. Simon, 407th ESFS

Technical Sergeant

Travis W. Lusk, 407th ESFS
Charles A. Sheppard, 777th EAS

Master Sergeant

David J. Burns, 407th ESFS
Jude C. Richard, Multi-National Force-Iraq/JCC

Major

Robert S. Risko, 777th EAS

August award winners

Airman of the Month

Senior Airman Paul R. Oceanak, Jr., 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Month

Tech Sgt. Byron S. Braselton, 407th ESFS

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month

Master Sgt. Matthew V. Chastain, 777th EAMXS

Company Grade Officer of the Month

Capt. Greg D. Whitaker, 407th ECS

Sharp Saber Team Award

407th ECS Communications Customer Support team
Team members are Tech. Sgt. Randall Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Keith Yarber, Staff Sgt. Philip Erven, Tech. Sgt. Jason Edmonds, Staff Sgt. Keith Frevert, Tech. Sgt. Mark Ruprecht, Senior Airman Steven Pruitt, Senior Airman Kara Gaines, Airman 1st Class Jason Barker, Senior Airman Matthew Monroe, Airman 1st Class Charles Scharbor, Senior Airman Joshua Scott, Airman Calista Heath-Martinez, Airman 1st Class Ezrael Comicho and Staff Sgt. Elonn Cochrane

Spirit Award

Chief Master Sgt. Susan Ferguson, 407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent

Rotation award winners (AEF 5/6)

Airman of the Rotation

Senior Airman Jennifer Morales, 407th EOSS

Noncommissioned Officer of the Rotation

Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Wolpink, 407th ECS

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Rotation

Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Westerman, 407th ESFS

Company Grade Officer of the Rotation

Capt. Eric Springer, 407th ESFS

Sharp Saber Team of the Rotation

407th ECS Base Infrastructure, Network and Radio Team
Team members are Tech. Sgt. Jason Mattison, Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Wolpink, Tech. Sgt. Timothy Messman, Tech. Sgt. Mark Morris, Staff Sgt. Christopher Borslien, Staff Sgt. Timothy Helbing, Staff Sgt. Juan Toro, Staff Sgt. Michael Erb, Staff Sgt. Scott Ekleberry, Staff Sgt. Brian Kenealy, Staff Sgt. Larry E. Phillips, Senior Airman Michael McGraw, Senior Airman Joshua Jacobs, Senior Airman Nathan Brown, Senior Airman Benjamin Abbott, Airman 1st Class Casey L. Arnault, Senior Airman Zachary Grafton, Airman 1st Class Joshua C. Stewart, Airman 1st Class Stephen L. Mears, Senior Airman Michael Moran, Airman 1st Class Louis Lindsay, Airman 1st Class Juliet Saunders and Senior Airman Lonnie Fagin

First Sergeant of the Rotation

Master Sgt. Todd Kern, 407th ECES

CDC high scores

Editor's note: The following individuals scored more than a 90 percent on their career development course final exam.

Staff Sgt. Gregg J. Magi, 407th ECES
Senior Airman Brian Ficznar, 407th ECES

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Team Ali will leave mobility bags at 379 AEW, travel lighter

By Capt. David Small

U.S. Central Air Force Forward Public Affairs

Airmen here and those deployed throughout the Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility will return home a little lighter, after they drop off their mobility bags at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing mobility section.

The test to pre-position mobility bags in the SWA theater began in May and is projected to potentially save millions of dollars.

To make the deployable Air Force more agile and address concerns of people hand-carrying too many bags into the U.S. Central Command theater, the Air Force approved the test period, according to a message from the Air Force Installations and Logistics directorate.

The plan, proposed by U.S. Central Command Air Forces, boasts a savings estimated at \$5.1 million per AEF, Air Force officials said. This savings stems from \$70 per bag excess baggage cost and \$1,600 per seat cost for empty seats that can't be filled due to the surplus luggage weight.

This idea has been bounced around at least since 1998 when a supply manager from Operation Southern Watch suggested it, but it couldn't be implemented until now, said Maj. Paulette Jordan, USCENTAF chief of supply at Shaw AFB, S.C. She was part of the USCENTAF team who helped reinvigorate the idea.

"The reality of our extended stay in the region and the fact that units identified storage locations from existing resources made it a reality at this time," she said. "Previous efforts were solely dependent on permanent construction, some of which wasn't projected until 2009."

This test calls for redeploying Airmen in AEF 3/4 and 5/6 to turn in their mobility bags (A and B bags) and their chemical warfare equipment (C bag) to theater materiel managers before leaving the theater. This equipment will be stored at the three expeditionary theater distribution centers located at primary hubs in Southwest Asia.

"If we go to full implementation, (incoming Airmen) will be able to go to these centers and receive whatever bags they need based on their location and the season," Major Jordan said. "One of the things that the test will help us to work out will be the process to issue and control these assets,



Photo by Master Sgt. Carolyn Gwathmey

(Right front) Tech. Sgt. Marsie McClarin, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, inventories Staff Sgt. Les Whitehead's, 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron, mobility gear. Behind them other ELRS troops help more customers turn in their A and B mobility bags, so they will not have to drag them back to their home station.

particularly during the rotation."

The center maintained by the 379th AEW is a 50,000 square foot facility, but will be outfitted with four tiers, expanding its storage space to 200,000 square feet.

The other two centers will be maintained by the 376th and 386th AEWs. All deployed Airmen will be turning in their equipment as they pass through these hubs with a few exceptions.

Airmen will not turn in weapons, gas masks or individual body armor.

There is a lack of storage space and security concerns for the weapons. Body armor purchased by major commands will be returned to them; however, IBA issued in theater will stay here.

Some Airmen are not part of this test, including people assigned to Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Special Operations and Air Force Reserve commands and the Air National Guard.

Battlefield Airmen, aircrew, security forces, Red Horse civil engineers and air control squadron members will also not participate because they deploy with special equipment.

Airmen redeploying from the 380th AEW and deploying to Dushanbe, Ashgabat and Djibouti will travel with their equipment according to their reporting instructions.

If the test proves successful, the initiative will be expanded to other AEFs until one full AEF's worth of equipment is pre-positioned. Until that time, Airmen should follow their reporting instructions.

"It's going to be a huge step forward, reducing the footprint of deploying troops," said Chief Master Sgt. John Foran, USCENTAF command chief. "It'll be better on our troops to pick up their gear before they go into (an active combat) zone. It's an outstanding system."

Mobility turn in process at a glance

- Ali Airmen will turn in A and B mobility bags at their air station hub (379th AEW)
- Airmen will not turn in weapons, gas mask or individual body armor
- Listen for specific turn-in directions once you get to the 379th air hub reception area
- Get prepared; ensure you don't commingle your personal items in either your A or B bags to make the process smoother
- Some Airmen will not turn in their equipment; if you think your exempt, make sure to ask (Exemptions: people assigned to PACAF, AFOSI, AFRC and ANG, SFS, battlefield Airmen, aircrew, various civil engineers and air control squadron members)
- Make sure you get a hand receipt to take back to your home station mobility section



Are personal lap tops authorized on the network?

Rumor

I heard that we can hook up personal lap tops or computers into the network here, but that seems too simple. Is this true?

Fact

It's false. The current Ali policy is no personal computers or wireless devices are allowed on the operational Air Force network. There are multiple reasons for this policy. The first issue is software. Before a personal computer could be added to the domain, it would have to be wiped of any current software and loaded with only Air Force-approved software and patches. This may not seem bad at first but when go home, the computer would have to be wiped clean again to remove the government-owned and licensed software. Then you would be stuck reloading your own software. The second reason is government-owned data. If your computer was ever subjected to classified information, the computer hard drive would become property of the U.S. government and you would have to buy a new hard drive. Lastly, due to the extremely vulnerable nature of wireless networks, no wireless devices can be connected to the network. However, government-owned computers can be added to the local network by simply providing your home station accreditation paperwork.

The question was answered by the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Help Desk. For more information, individuals should contact their CSA or the help desk at 445-2731.

Heard a rumor...

Don't speculate. Get the facts by e-mailing the Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil or call Chief Master Sgt. Susan Ferguson, 407th AEG superintendent.

Quotable quotes

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

—General George S. Patton, Jr. U.S. Army

This quote was submitted by Lt. Col. Scott A. Kearby, 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Detachment 2 deputy commander (Directorate of Public Works).

Editor's note: If you have a favorite quote that you want to share with Team Ali, e-mail it to Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil.

407th AEG Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Gracey N. Montalvo



Unit: 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Airfield Operations supervisor

Home station: Aviano Air Base, Italy

Why other warriors say she's a warrior: A hard worker, you can count on her to get it done right the first time. She completed 82 comprehensive airfield checks and inspections of Ali's more than 2,000-acre airfield, which ensured an outstanding 100 percent flight safety record.

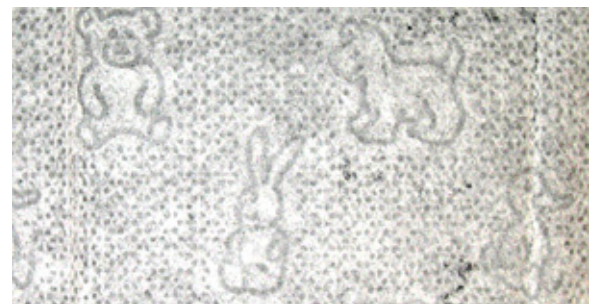
What is your most memorable Air Force experience:

A former supervisor at Luke Air Force Base, another non-commissioned officer and a coworker donated blood especially for me. It cost \$500 to donate the blood in my name and expedite the screening so I could have it for emergency surgery.

Hobbies: softball, weight lifting and snow boarding

Family: My mother Isabel Ramirez is my inspiration and strength.

Identify This



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? If you can identify the object, e-mail us at Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. the following Friday. All correct entries will be placed in a box and **three winners** will be **randomly selected** at the following week's **Combat Bingo** at 7:30 p.m. at the Hot Spot. *Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.* The three winners will **win a complimentary t-shirt or coin** from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The Aug. 19 *ID* This winners, who correctly identified the microwave turntable, are Staff Sgt. Eric Gilley, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Master Sgt. Jennifer Smith, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron and Mr. Yassin Jaafar, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

Team Ali competes in Sports Day activities



Courtesy photos

(Left) Senior Airman Marlon Lancaster, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, competes in the bench press competition, during one of the Sports Day weekend events held Aug. 27 and 28.

(Above) Master Sgt. Ronald Denmon, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, wins the pull-up contest with a whopping 30 pull-ups and an overall score of 252.

Bench press Competition

Lightweight

1. Staff Sgt. James Gaymon, 407th Air Expeditionary Group: 300
2. Senior Airman Bret Weiler, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron: 250

Welter Weight

1. Tech. Sgt. Michael Castillo, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron: 305
2. Staff Sgt. David Sawitsky, 407th ECES: 250
3. Senior Airman Marlon Lancaster, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron: 250

Middle Weight

1. Airman 1st Class Stephen Judah, 407th ECES: 455
2. Master Sgt. Ronald Denmon, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron: 350
3. Airman 1st Class Darnell Carter, 407th ESVS: 300

Heavy Weight

1. Staff Sgt. Eli Craft, 407th ECES: 375
2. Tech. Sgt. Rodney Koonce, 407th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 330
3. Staff Sgt. Joshua Sebring, 407th ECES: 330

4 on 4 Volleyball

EOSS defeated Finance/ECONS in the championship finals

Push-ups/Sit-ups/Pull-ups

Master Sgt. Ronald Denmon: 252

118/104/30

Staff Sgt. James Gaymon: 209

108/82/19

Airman 1st Class Brian Flores, 407th AEG: 189

89/85/15

Erven Phillip: 110

51/52/7

3- Point Shootout

1. 1st Lt. Pedro Cuadra, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron: 9

2. Senior Airman Wayne Faunteroy, 407th ECES: 8

3. Senior Airman Dennard Miller, 407th ECES: 8

4. Airman 1st Class Jonathan Norris, 407th ECES: 8

Quarterback Challenge

1. Senior Airman Henry Rios, 407th AEG: 7

2. Tech. Sgt. Derrick Lock, 407th AEG: 3

3. Airman 1st Class David Reim, 407th ESVS: 3

New! Aerobics and advanced step classes at Army House of Pain gym

Advanced step: Tuesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Cardio mix: Thursdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m

Editor's note: All classes are live with instructor Charity.

Team Ali needs fitness representatives for Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8

The Muscle Beach fitness center is looking for sports fitness representatives for the next rotation. To volunteer, contact your first sergeant or commander, or call Muscle Beach at 445-2136.



Just for Fun

Presented by the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

Today

4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain, Army fitness center
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
7 p.m., Halo-2 and 9-Ball at Army Rec Center
7:30 p.m., Gospel Music Explosion at Army chapel (features Gospel Service choir and Contemporary and Traditional Service praise teams)
7:30 p.m., Bingo followed by a movie at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain

Saturday (Labor Day events)
5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain

7 a.m., 5K run, meet at South entry control point
8 a.m., Quarter Back challenge at basketball court
9 a.m., 3-Point Shoot Out at basketball court
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Jail and Bail, lock up your coworkers for fee at dining facility
3 p.m., Arm Wrestling at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Jail and Bail, lock up your coworkers for fee at dining facility
6:30 p.m., Advanced step at House of Pain
7 p.m., Casino Night at Big Top
7 p.m., Dominoes and darts TNY at Army Rec center
8 p.m., Salsa lessons at House of Pain

Sunday

3 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
6:30 p.m., Cardio mix at House of Pain
7 p.m., Spades at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., 8-ball at Hot Spot

Monday

4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
7 p.m., Board game night at Army Rec Center
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach

7:30 p.m., Jujitsu, at Muscle Beach
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
8 p.m., Hearts at Hot Spot
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Tuesday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
5:30 a.m., Yoga at Muscle Beach
2:30 p.m., Yoga at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
6:30 p.m., Advanced step at House of Pain
7 p.m., Ping Pong TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., Ping Pong at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain

Wednesday

2:30 p.m., Pilates at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
8 p.m., Madden 05 at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Thursday

5:30 a.m., Tai Chi (taped) at Muscle Beach
5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
2:30 p.m., Tai Chi (taped) at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
6:30 p.m., Cardio mix at House of Pain
7 p.m., Scrabble TNY at Army Rec Center
8 p.m., 5-card draw at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
8 p.m., Music night in the Courtyard at Adder Commons



Got ideas?
 Give Services a call at 445-2696

For more information or to share suggestions, about 407th Services Squadron events, call 445-2696.

For more information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center, call 833-1709. For more information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities, call 833-1745.

Cricket Movie Theater

HOT SPOT

Today



Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m., A action-packed thrill ride about a bored married couple who discover that they both are hiding a secret - they're secret agents. When the truth is out, they end up in each other's cross-hairs. Starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.



Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m., Arthur Dent is having a bad day. His house is about to be bulldozed, he discovers that his friend is an alien and to top things off, Planet Earth is about to be demolished. Starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda.



Kingdom of Heaven, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m., Set in 12th century, Kingdom of Heaven is a romantic-action film about a young peasant who becomes a renowned knight, saves a kingdom and falls in a love with a princess. Starring Orlando Bloom and Nathalie Cox.



Monster-In-Law, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., The story of a young woman who must reconsider her engagement when confronted with her nightmarish future mother-in-law. Starring Billy Bailey, Anna Chancellor and John Malkovich.



Mindhunters, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., An FBI-training program for psychological profiling used to track down serial killers spawns the next serial killer. The group has to look inwards to find out who it is. Starring LL Cool J and Eion Bailey.



War of the Worlds, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m., Martians land near London, conquering and ruining the metropolis; the fate of civilization and even of the human race remains in doubt until the very last moment. Starring Tom Cruise and Tim Robbins.

Saturday

Mind Hunters, 1 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
 The Kingdom of Heaven, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 War of the Worlds, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 Monster-in-law, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

The Kingdom of Heaven, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 War of the Worlds, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Monster-in-law, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 Mind Hunters, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 The Kingdom of Heaven, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 War of the Worlds, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Monster-in-law, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 Mind Hunters, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Wednesday

War of the Worlds, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Monster-in-law, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Mind Hunters, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 The Kingdom of Heaven, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Monday

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 The Kingdom of Heaven, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 War of the Worlds, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 Monster-in-law, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Mind Hunters, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Thursday

Monster-in-law, 1 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Mind Hunters, 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 The Kingdom of Heaven, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 War of the Worlds, 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Movie times are subject to change.





Spiritual Survival Gear

Today

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/service at mosque (behind DFAC)
6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service at Army religious activity center
7 p.m., Bible Study at RAC
7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal at Post Chapel
8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous at RAC annex

Saturday

5:30 p.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Kick the Camel (quit cigarette habit) club at RAC

Sunday

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
7:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service at post chapel
8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at AF chapel
8 a.m., Church of Christ Service at RAC
8:30 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service at Sapper Chapel
8:30 a.m., Sunday school at post chapel
9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant service at AF chapel
10 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service at Army Post chapel
10 a.m., Latter Day Saints service at RAC
10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at Camp Cedar

1 p.m., Gospel Service at post chapel
7 p.m., Contemporary Worship service at AF chapel
7:30 p.m., Contemporary Christian service at Sapper chapel
8 p.m., AA at RAC

Monday

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Protestant Bible Study at Sapper chapel
7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship at AF chapel

Tuesday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
Noon, AA at RAC annex
7:30 p.m., Combat Bible study at RAC

Wednesday

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Spanish Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., Midweek service discussion at new Army chapel
7:30 p.m., Protestant Evening service at post chapel
7:30 p.m., Men's Bible study at post chapel

Thursday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Ladies' Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., LDS study at RAC
7:30 p.m., Workman's Fellowship at RAC
7:30 p.m., A Man & His World Bible study at AF chapel

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

Inspirational moments... Honoring the enemy

In 1862 during the Civil War, Union Army Capt. Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain still decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him towards his encampment.

When he finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

His son had been studying music in the south when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heart broken, the father asked for the permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status.

His request was granted. The captain had also asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral.

That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician.

The captain chose a bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform.

This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals. Here is what was written on the paper.

Taps

"Day is done,	From the sky,
Gone the sun,	All is well.
From the lakes,	Safely rest.
From the hills,	God is nigh."

In our tumultuous world, our enemies can one day become our friends, and the next day our friends can become our enemies. Treat people with the same respect you want to receive, regardless of their status or the day.

Reprinted from an American Legion newsletter. It's important to note this is one popular version of the origin of Taps, but is not the only version. For more information on the various origins of Taps, go to <http://www.west-point.org/taps/Taps.html>.